Our Annual Research Review and Executive Workshop will be held February 8-12, in Los Angeles. This year’s theme is Software Engineering Knowledge Acquisition and Management. Details are provided in the accompanying package, with some assumptions about your participation.

Executive Workshop February 10, 1999

In concert with our Annual Research Review February 8-9, 1999 and a Focused Workshop on February 11-12, we are holding our annual USC-CSE Executive Workshop on Wednesday, February 10. A number of our executive-level Affiliates have signed up to discuss emerging corporate-level trends and strategies in acquiring and managing software engineering knowledge assets (see the overview and agenda below, along with an updated summary of the week’s events and a registration package).

Please encourage your executives to capitalize on this opportunity to benchmark their level of capability and assess emerging technologies in software engineering knowledge capture and dissemination.

Barry Boehm
USC-CSE TECHNOLOGY WEEK
Annual Research Review and Workshops ‘99

USC-CSE Technology Week

February 8-12, 1999

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The topic for the Executive Workshop will be Software Engineering Knowledge Acquisition and Management. Many of our Affiliates are formulating corporate knowledge asset management strategies in software engineering or other areas, including life-long learning and corporate knowledge automation. At USC-CSE, we are finding increased demand for SE graduate courses, distance learning, and certificate programs. We are trying to sort out what delivery mechanisms are best suited to SE, and what types of education and training are best done by corporations, by universities, and by commercial organizations such as Learning Tree.

The Executive Workshop will feature executive perspectives on these issues from Dr. Alan Salisbury, CEO of Learning Tree; Dr. Steve Cross, Director of the SEI; Prof. Len Silverman, our Dean of Engineering; and several executives from our Affiliate organizations.

The Focused Workshop on February 11-12 will address Automating SE Knowledge Delivery. One of our new MBASE-related thrusts involves development of a SE Decision Assistant (SEDA) capability, via intelligent agents which can monitor a SE project’s artifacts and suggest improved project decisions. Several of our Affiliates are looking into similar capabilities, and we’d like to explore the relative importance and difficulty of alternative technical approaches in this area.

Technology Week Agenda:

Monday, Feb. 8-9: Annual Research Review
- COCOMO II and Extensions; SW Architecture
- MBASE, SEDA, WinWin; Demos; Affiliates’ Panel
- Steering Group meeting

Wednesday, Feb. 10: Executive Workshop
- Software Engineering Knowledge Acquisition and Management

Thursday-Friday, Feb. 11-12: Focused Workshop
- Automating SE Knowledge Delivery
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The research results and tool capabilities to be presented this year include:
- COCOMO II and Extensions in
  - Tools Effects
  - Quality/Defects (COQUALMO)
  - COTS Integration (COCOTS)
  - RAD Schedule Impacts (CORADMO)
  - Productivity Improvement (COPROMO)
- Model Based Architecture and Software Engineering (MBASE)
- Software Architecture
  - Unified Modeling Language (UML) View Integration
  - UML and MBASE
  - UML and C2
  - Architecture Description Language (ADL) Comparative Analysis
  - ACME
  - Applications of Instrumented Connectors
- Software Engineering Decision Aides (SEDA)

Annual Research Review Preliminary Agenda:

**February 8, 1999 — AM**
COCOMOII.1999; COCOMO II Tools Effects; COQUALMO
Break
COCOTS; CORADMO and COPROMO

**PM**
UML View Integration; UML and MBASE; UML and C2
Break
ADL Comparative Analysis; ACME; and Applications of Instrumented Connectors

**February 9, 1999 — AM**
Model Clashes and MBASE; Requirements Simplifiers and Complicators; MBASE Guidelines
Break
Library View of Digital Library Projects; WinWin Negotiation Analysis; SE Decision Assistance

**PM**
TBD
Break
Affiliates' Panel: Futures & University Research Priorities — Tony Jordano, SAIC; Fred Maymir-Ducharme, Lockheed Martin; Arnold Pittler, Motorola; Dennis Weiss, Lucent
Our commercial, aerospace, and government Affiliates are becoming increasing engaged with the nurturing and accessibility of their corporate software engineering (and other) knowledge resources. With the increasing pace of change in information technology and associated software engineering best practices, these knowledge resources--both human and automated--are the keys to competitive success and cost-effective delivery of public services.

Creating and sustaining these Software Engineering resources creates major challenges in such areas as:

--Continuing education of software engineers and managers;
--Continuing update of domain, product, and process knowledge;
--Assured delivery of up-to-date knowledge at time of need;
--Selective dissemination of updated information to those most concerned.

At USC, we have been increasingly addressing issues of distance learning, continuing education, and automating delivery of software engineering knowledge. With this workshop, we wish to explore with Affiliate executives and complementary software engineering knowledge providers (commercial education and training providers; tool and methodology providers; nonprofits and consortia) how this picture is likely to unfold, and where are the best places for university education and research to contribute.

**Executive Workshop Preliminary Agenda**

8:15 - 10:00 am  
Overview Presentations

Dr. Len Silverman, Dean of Engineering, USC  
Dr. Barry Boehm, Director, USC-CSE  
Dick Law, Lockheed Martin  
Dr. Alan Salisbury, CEO, Learning Tree

10:30 am - 12:00 noon  
Panel: Commercial Sector Issues and Initiatives

Dr. Robert Martin, VP, Lucent  
Dr. Emil Sarpa, VP, Sun  
Mike Sweeney, VP, EDS  
Walker Royce, VP, Rational  
Dr. Rich DeMillo, VP, Bellcore

1:00 pm - 2:30 pm  
Panel: Aerospace Sector Issues and Initiatives

Dr. Art Pyster, Chief Scientist-SW, FAA  
Dr. Gary Kang, VP, TRW  
Dr. David Evans, VP, Aerospace Corp.  
Wayne Sebera, VP, Litton

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
Emerging Technology

Dr. Steve Cross, Director, CMU-SEI  
Prof. Lewis Johnson, USC-ISI  
Doug Rosenberg, President, Iconix  
Judd Neale, CEO, SPC  
Prof. Dan Port, USC-CSE
Automating software engineering knowledge delivery runs a spectrum from providing automated Web/Internet access to corporate software engineering resources, through project decision rationale capture and legacy software design recovery, to agents providing software engineering decision advice and automated applications generation based on domain knowledge.

We have been developing various initial capabilities along these lines. The web site for our annual series of digital library student projects (http://sunset.usc.edu/classes) contains guidelines for scoping and structuring the team products and processes. Our WinWin system has a rationale capture capability linking the rationales for win conditions, issues, and the adoption or rejection of proposed issue-resolving options. Lewis Johnson’s Media Doc system provides task-oriented information about legacy software systems. We have developed some initial Software Engineering Decision Assistant (SEDA) tools for process model selection, risk identification, and software cost-quality attribute tradeoff decisions. Bob Balzer and Dave Wile have developed several domain knowledge-based application generators.

We and several of our Affiliate organizations have found that there are a number of issues involved in developing and operating such capabilities.

Some examples are:

- What are the best ways of structuring knowledge to support different classes of services?
- What are the particular challenges in structuring and providing useful knowledge about software processes and software products?
- How does one address the formidable problem of knowledge base evolution in rapidly-changing technology areas?
- How does one effectively integrate a set of individual services?

We have been gathering experience on some aspects of these questions, and look forward to comparing these experiences with Affiliates exploring similar issues. A candidate set of Affiliate presenters is indicated below.
Preliminary Agenda

Thursday, February 11

7:30 - 8:15 am  Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 9:30 am  Reprise of USC Experiences
                   Barry Boehm, Dan Port, Bob Balzer, Lewis Johnson
9:30 - 10:00 am  Break
10:00 - 11:30 am  Affiliate Experiences (Invited)(* - Accepted)
                   John Salasin, DARPA*
                   Rick Hefner, TRW
                   Dave Weiss, Lucent
                   Lisa Finneran, SPC*
                   Marc Kellner, SEI
                   Doug White, AFRL
11:30 - 12:00 pm  Breakout Group Determination
                   Candidate Topic:  Group Leader, Scribe
                   Automating Product Knowledge: Belz/Kerner, Egyed
                   Automating Process Knowledge: Brown, Abi-Antoun
                   Knowledge Capture & Delivery: Johnson, Park/Port
12:00 - 1:00 pm  Lunch
1:00 - 5:30 pm  Breakout Groups

Friday, February 12

7:30 - 8:15 am  Continental Breakfast
8:15 - 10:45 am  Breakout Groups
10:45 - 11:30 am  USC Response
The Radisson Hotel Midtown

3540 South Figueroa Street
Los Angeles, CA 90007
T: (213) 748-4141
F: (213) 748-0043

The Radisson Hotel Midtown is conveniently located across the street from the USC campus.

The room rate for USC-CSE Technology Week, Annual Research Review & Executive Workshop attendees is a very attractive $85/night for single rooms and $90/night for doubles.

Reservations may be made by calling (213) 748-4141; please attempt to make your reservations by 1/98.

The deadline for room reservations is January 31, 1999.

The Los Angeles Athletic Club

431 West Seventh Street
Los Angeles, CA 90014
T: (213) 625-2211
F: (213) 689-1194

The Club is a European-style hotel featuring deluxe rooms with conversation areas and executive desks, spacious tile baths with hair dryers and plush terry robes, in-room coffee makers, honor bars, irons and pressing boards, and elegant European furnishings.

Guests can expect complimentary use of the Los Angeles Athletic Club’s legendary athletic facilities, a complimentary fruit and cheese basket upon arrival, complimentary coffee, tea, and fresh muffins delivered Monday-Friday, complimentary morning newspaper delivery, concierge desk, and nightly turndown service with Belgian chocolates.

The room rate for USC-CSE Technology Week, Annual Research Review & Executive Workshop attendees is an attractive $120/night.

Reservations may be made by calling (800) 421-8777 or (213) 625-2211.

The deadline for room reservations is January 1, 1999.
University of Southern California  
Center for Software Engineering – Technology Week  
Annual Research Review - Executive Workshop - Focused Workshop  

February 8-12, 1999  

Participant Information Sheet  

Name:  
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I will be attending:  (check all that apply)  

Monday February 8:  
Andrus Gerontology Center Auditorium  
3715 McClintock Avenue  
Annual Research Review  
COCOMO II and Extensions; SW Architecture ___ Lunch ___  

Tuesday February 9:  
Andrus Gerontology Center Auditorium  
3715 McClintock Avenue  
Annual Research Review  
MBASE, SEDA, WinWin, Demos, Affiliates Panel ___ Lunch ___  
Steering Group meeting ___  

Wednesday February 10:  
Davidson Conference Center  
3415 S. Figueroa Street  
Executive Workshop  
Software Engineering Knowledge Acquisition and Management ___ Lunch ___  

Thursday February 11:  
Seaver Science Center  
920 W. 37th Street  
Focused Workshop  
Automating SE Knowledge Delivery (panelist) ___ (participant) ___ Lunch ___  

Friday February 12:  
Seaver Science Center  
920 W. 37th Street  
Focused Workshop  
Automating SE Knowledge Delivery (panelist) ___ (participant) ___ Lunch ___  

I will need:  (check all that apply)  
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